

Morning Highlights

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HIGHLIGHTS

- A fourth Interagency Type 2 crew has been mobilized and sent to the Lower-48. The Crew Boss is from the National Park Service and the Crew Boss Trainee is from the Fish and Wildlife Service (Kenai). They will be pre-positioned at the Redmond Air Center, then assigned to a wildland fire. The success of these crews lies within Interagency cooperation, coordination and communication. Please visit the following website for more information about the Interagency Crews: [http://fire.ak.blm.gov/content/news/nonfire/archive/2006-14%20Interagency%20Release-%20Type%20%20Interagency%20Crews%20\(AICC\).pdf](http://fire.ak.blm.gov/content/news/nonfire/archive/2006-14%20Interagency%20Release-%20Type%20%20Interagency%20Crews%20(AICC).pdf)
- The Alaska Type 1 Incident Management Team has left to go to Oregon to the Cascade Complex, 35 miles northwest of Bend. The Complex is comprised of the Lake George, Puzzle and Black Crater fires. Structures, communication sites and a fish hatchery are at risk and evacuation plans are in place.

Emergency Fire Fighter (EFF) Crew Update:

- The Allakaket #1, Minto #2, Venetie #1, Beaver/Stevens Village, and Delta #1 EFF crews are being mobilized today to be sent to wildland fires in Oregon on Thursday.
- The Allakaket #2, Norvik #2, Tanana, Huslia #2, and Koyuk EFF crews will return this afternoon from fire assignment in the Lower-48.

Alaska Fire Information

No new fires were reported to AICC Tuesday. Currently 17 fires are active in Alaska, none are staffed. AICC reports that so far this year 280 fires have burned nearly 269,805 acres statewide.

Estimated Number of Resources Assigned to Wildland Fire Incidents in the Lower-48

-Last Updated 8/23/06-

(Numbers may vary as personnel are mobilized and demobilized)

6 Agency Crews
20 Emergency Fire Fighter (EFF) crews
48 Smokejumpers
200 Single Resources
= 745+ Personnel

To view a map of large incidents visit:
http://activefiremaps.fs.fed.us/lg_fire2.php

ADDITIONAL REFERENCES

- Alaska Interagency Coordination Center: <http://fire.ak.blm.gov>
 - Map of Current Fires: <http://fire.ak.blm.gov/predsvcs/maps.php>
 - Situation Report: <http://fire.ak.blm.gov/content/aicc/sitreport/current.pdf>
- National Fire Situation: <http://www.nifc.gov/nicc/sitreprt.pdf>
- Creating Defensible Space: <http://firewise.org/> and <http://www.dnr.state.ak.us/forestry/pdfs/02firewise.pdf>
- Department of Transportation (Road Closure Info): (907) 451-2240, <http://511.alaska.gov>
- Division of Forestry, Burn Permit Info: (907) 451-2626, <http://www.dnr.state.ak.us/forestry/fire/>
- Department of Environmental Conservation (Smoke Concerns): <http://www.dec.state.ak.us/air/am/smoke.htm>
- National Parks Service: www.nps.gov/akso/Fire/firehome.htm
- National Weather Service: <http://www.nws.noaa.gov/>
- U.S. Fish and Wildlife: <http://www.fws.gov/fire/>
- USDA Forest Service: <http://www.fs.fed.us/fire/>
- Temporary Flight Restriction Information: <http://airspace.nifc.gov/mapping/nifc>
- Federal Aviation Administration: <http://www.faa.gov>

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